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Mt.Zion Baptist Church
Dighton Ave.
Snow Hill,MD 21863

1886, 1901, 1979

Access:Public

Mt.Zion Baptist Church stands 4' from the west side of Dighton Ave. in Snow Hill. The church is 32' across the front facade and 60' in depth. The structure faces east. It houses the oldest black Baptist congregation in Snow Hill. It was founded by the Rev. E.J.Henry,D.D.,(a minister of the Maryland Colored Baptist Convention) in 1886. He served as pastor of this church for 47 years. His remains lie buried in the plot on the north side of the church. The church was incorporated in 1901. The church was renovated in 1979.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Dighton Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Snow Hill

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Worcester

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS☒ ACCESSIBLE☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☒ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Trustees, Mt. Zion Baptist Church
C/O Rev. John W. Woods

Telephone #: N/A

STREET & NUMBER

Dighton Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Snow Hill

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD, 21863

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Worcester

Co. Court House

Liber #: JTB 10

Folio #: 221

STREET & NUMBER

Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Snow Hill

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

N/A

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>1886</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Mt. Zion Baptist Church stands 4' from the west side of Dighton Ave. in Snow Hill. The church is 32' across the front facade and 60' in depth. The structure faces east. There are 8 brick steps up from the street level to the entrance. The entrance has double wooden doors (3 panel). There are two rectangular 5' windows (colored-glass..Amber & Blue) in the front facade, one on each side of the entrance. There are four of these identical windows on the north side of the building and four more on the south side. The building is gabled (east-west) and there is a small louvered cupola atop the east gable with a cross on top. The cemetery is on the east side of the church. The building is covered with aluminum siding and rests on a brick and concrete foundation.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1886-Inc.1901-Ren.1979 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Mt.Zion Baptist Church is the oldest black Baptist congregation in Snow Hill. It was founded by the Rev. E.J. Henry,D.D., in 1886. Henry a member of the Maryland Colored Baptist Convention was minister of this church for 47 years. He is buried in the small cemetery on the north side of the church. The traditional cemetery for the church is at the end of Dighton Avenue a number of blocks from the church itself. The church was incorporated in 1901 and renovated in 1979 .

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

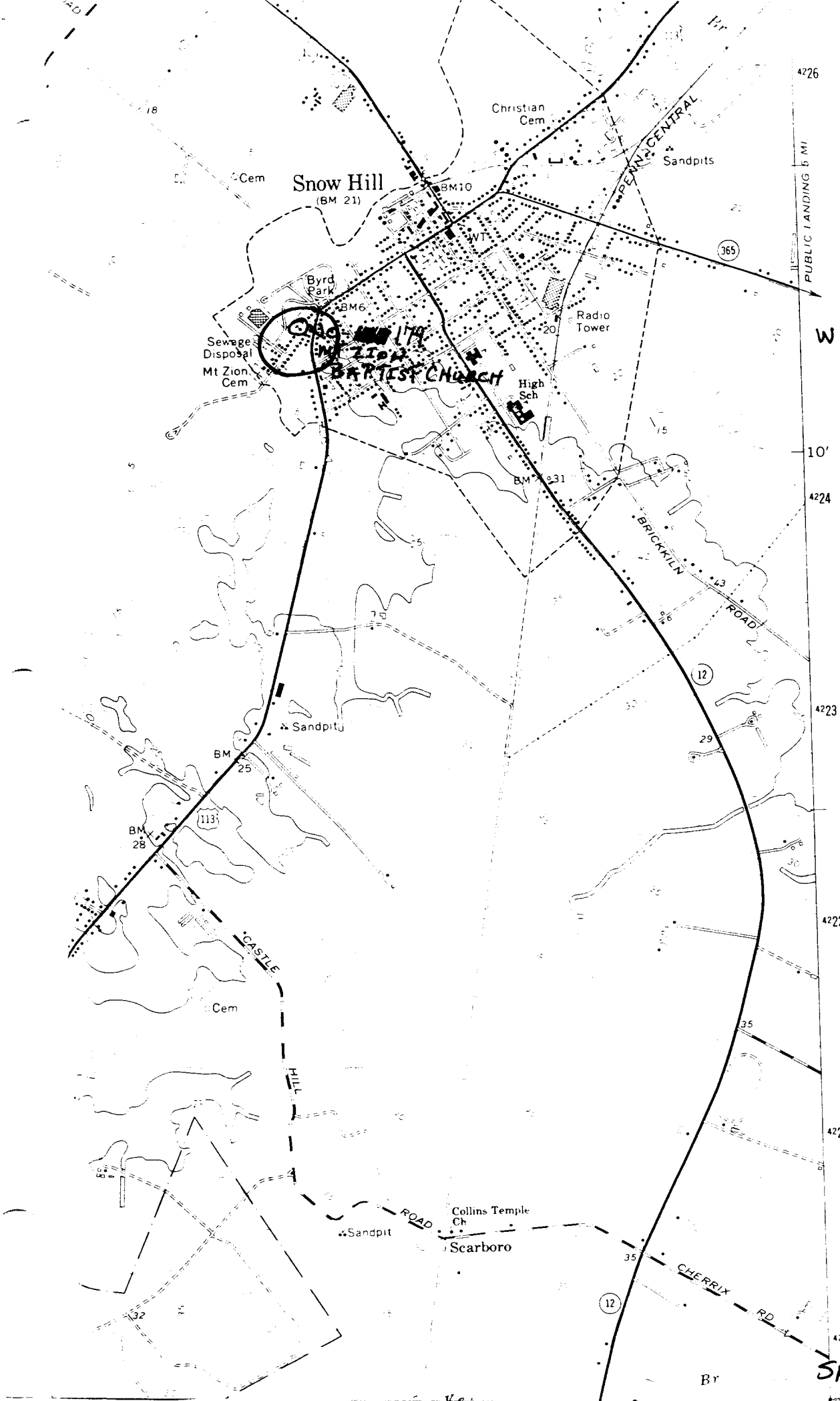
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Maryland

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East elevation
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